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SUBJECT:PREPARATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY--
NATIVE CLAIMS

ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY BACK-
GROUND INFORMATION ON SETTLEMENT OF NATIVE CLAIMS BY
MARCH 30. INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO PREPARE FOR
CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON APRIL 5.

1. HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, CHAIRED BY
TENORONCALIO (D-WYOMING) IS HOLDING HEARINGS ON
PROPOSALS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALASKAN NATURAL GAS.
WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED ON MARCH 17 AND 18, 1977
INCLUDED DON YOUNG (R-ALASKA) AND EBEN HOPSON, MAYOR
OF NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH, ALASKA. BOTH EMPHASIZED THE
PROBABILITY OF DELAYS IF A TRANS-CANADIAN PIPELINE ROUTE
IS SELECTED BECAUSE OF CANADA'S PROBLEMS WITH SETTLEMENT
OF NATIVE CLAIMS ALONG THE PROPOSED PIPELINE ROUTES.

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2. LAWRENCE RAICHT, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FUELS AND
ENERGY, WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 5.

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY BACKGROUND INFORMATION
ON THE STATUS OF NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS. RAICHT
IS LIKELY TO BE QUESTIONED CLOSELY ON THIS ISSUE.

IN DEVELOPING BACKGROUND INFORMATION, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WHICH RAICHT MAY BE ASKED TO ANSWER.

Q1. IN 1975 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TESTIFIED THAT A SETTLEMENT OF NATIVE CLAIMS IN THE JAMES BAY AREA WAS EXPECTED SOON. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE NATIVE CLAIMS IN THE JAMES BAY AREA? HAS A SETTLEMENT BEEN ACHIEVED? IF NOT, WHY NOT? IF SO, WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE SETTLEMENT?

Q2. WILL THE GOC USE THE JAMES BAY SETTLEMENT AS A MODEL FOR NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF CANADA?

Q3. ARE THE NATIVE PEOPLES IN THE YUKON AND NWT LIKELY TO WELCOME SETTLEMENTS SIMILAR TO THE JAMES BAY SETTLEMENT?

Q4. HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO SETTLE NATIVE CLAIMS ALONG THE MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE ROUTE IF THE JAMES BAY MODEL WERE FOLLOWED? WOULD SPECIAL LEGISLATION BE REQUIRED?

Q5. IF SPECIAL LEGISLATION RELATED TO NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS IS INTRODUCED IN THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT, WOULD SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION BE ENCOUNTERED?

Q6. IS IT PROBABLE THAT MOST NATIVE GROUPS WOULD AGREE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE SAME GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT, OR WILL EACH GROUP INSIST UPON UNIQUE CONDITIONS FOR SETTLEMENT?

Q7. WHAT POLITICAL REACTION COULD BE EXPECTED IF THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT PUSHED AHEAD RAPIDLY WITH CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR A GAS PIPELINE?

Q8. WHAT IS THE GOC DOING ABOUT SETTLING CLAIMS IN THE YUKON AND NWT AT THE PRESENT TIME? IS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT EXPECTED ANY TIME SOON? IF NOT, WHY NOT? HAS SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT EFFORTS BEEN ENCOUNTERED? PLEASE EXPLAIN?

3. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY MARCH 30 WHATEVER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP.
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